

Coalition Governments in Central and Eastern Europe

This comparative data set was collected for *Coalition Governance in Central Eastern Europe* (2020), edited by Torbjörn Bergman, Gabriella Ilonszki, and Wolfgang C. Müller, Oxford: Oxford University Press. It provides detailed information on important aspects of government formation, coalition governance, and government termination in ten Central Eastern European EU Member States (as of January 2012) from their democratic transitions in the 1990s up to June 1st, 2014. These countries are Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. The data set structure largely mirrors that of the data set on *Coalition Governments in Western Europe* (Müller and Strøm 2003), so that both data sets may be combined into a joint data set. However, some variable names had to be adjusted to account for characteristic features of Central Eastern Europe (e.g. large number of parties gaining parliamentary representation). These variables are **yellow marked** in the tables below. Also, some additional variables have been introduced not present in the data set on coalition governments in Western Europe. These variables are **green marked** below.

All data were meticulously collected by experts on coalition politics in their respective country using standardized coding instructions and interview guidelines. Specifically, the data were gathered from official documents (government, administration, and parliament) and party documents (election manifestos, coalition agreements), by conducting semi-structured interviews with (former) staff and cabinet members as well as a systemic analysis of media reports.

The codebook is structured as follows: The first section briefly defines the basic theoretical concepts used to collect the data. All these concepts are largely congruent with those applied in the previous volume on Western Europe in order to maximize consistency across data sets. The following sections then each contain detailed information on

- the name of the variable as it is defined in the data set,
- the label briefly describing the variable,
- the attached value label,
- relevant additional information on specific coding decisions (where applicable),
- and the corresponding variable name in the data set on *Cabinets and Coalition Bargaining: The Democratic Life Cycle in Western Europe* (Strøm et al. 2008) (where applicable).

These sections are organized on a table-by-table basis following the structure of the country chapters in *Coalition Governments in Central and Eastern Europe*. For several variables such as the partisan composition of the cabinet or the allocation of portfolios the information is given using party abbreviations and/or party-IDs. Please refer to the corresponding party codebooks for further information.

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General Definitions

Government coalition: Defined as a multi-party government where more than one party is represented in the cabinet with full voting right.

Party: Defined as running in the relevant parliamentary election under a distinct label and/or forming an independent parliamentary party group (PPG) consisting of three or more MPs after the election (disregarding national rules of recognizing and privileging PPGs).

Coalition party: Defined as a political party that has a minimum of one seat with full voting right in the cabinet (i.e. the Prime Minister, Vice Prime Minister, cabinet minister).

Change of cabinets: A change of cabinet is recorded when any of the following events occur:

- Any change in the set of parties holding cabinet membership.
- Any change in the identity of the Prime Minister.
- Any general election.

Non-partisan and “caretaker” cabinets: Non-partisan cabinets (if existent) are in the dataset. However, no new cabinet is defined when a regular cabinet has resigned but remains in office as an acting cabinet.

Overview Data Tables

Table 3

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	C2 Variable
v001x	Country	18: Bulgaria 20: Czech Republic 21: Estonia 22: Hungary 23: Latvia 24: Lithuania 26: Poland 27: Romania 28: Slovakia 29: Slovenia		v001x
v002x	Cabinet ID	First two digits: country Second two digits: cabinet		v002x
v003x	Cabinet		Name of the PM consecutively numbered with Roman figures	v003x
v004x	Date in	DDmonYYYY (e.g. 13jul2014)	First day in cabinet life according to official criteria defined as: (a) date that PM/cabinet was appointed by head of state (b) date of investiture vote in parliament (c) date of general election	v004x
v005x	Date out	DDmonYYYY (e.g. 13jul2014)	Last day in cabinet life defined as: (a) day of cabinet resignation (b) day of general election	v005x
v005x_left_office	Date cabinet left office			

		90: 1990s 100: 2000s 110: 2010s	
v006x	Decade by date of formation		
v007x	Maximum possible cabinet duration	measured in days	Defined as: remainder of the parliamentary term when cabinet assumes office until (a) next constitutionally mandated parliamentary elections v041y (b) next constitutionally mandated presidential elections if it is required or customary for governments to resign at that time
v008x	Cabinet duration	measured in days	Defined as: time period between cabinet's first and last day in office v179y2
v009x	Relative cabinet duration		Defined as: share of potential duration the cabinet was in office v179y
v010x	Relative cabinet duration = 1.0	0: no 1: yes	
v011x	Cabinet composition	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks	List of cabinet parties, beginning with the party of the PM
v011x_party1	Cabinet composition: Party 1	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	1 st cabinet party
v011x_party2	Cabinet composition: Party 2	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	2 nd cabinet party
v011x_party3	Cabinet composition: Party 3	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	3 rd cabinet party
v011x_party4	Cabinet composition: Party 4	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	4 th cabinet party
v011x_party5	Cabinet composition: Party 5	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	5 th cabinet party
v011x_party6	Cabinet composition: Party 6	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	6 th cabinet party
v013x	Number of cabinet parties		v051y

v014x	Coalition	0: no 1: yes	v049y
v015x	Cabinet majority (50% + 1) seat	0: no 1: yes	v056y
v016x	Cabinet surplus majority	0: no 1: yes	v058y

Table 1a

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	C2 Variable
v019x	Proximity to election: lower chamber	1 (FE): Cabinets immediately following an election and ended by the next election. 2 (F): Cabinets immediately following an election. 3 (N): Cabinets neither immediately following an election nor ended by the next election. 4 (E): Cabinets ended by an election.		
v020x_party1 - v020x_party34			Please consult the party codebooks for the corresponding Party-IDs	
v020x_partyX	Party seats lower chamber: Party X			
v045x	Party of the median legislator: first policy dimension; lower chamber	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	Excluding legislators subsumed under 'others'	
v045x_2nd	Party of the median legislator: first policy dimension; lower chamber; 2nd party	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	Excluding legislators subsumed under 'others'; only coded if a second median party exists	
v045x_othersleft	Party of the median legislator: first policy dimension; lower chamber	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	All legislators subsumed under 'others' located on the left end of the ideological spectrum	
v045x_othersleft_2nd	Party of the median legislator: first policy dimension; lower chamber; 2nd party	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	All legislators subsumed under 'others' located on the left end of the ideological spectrum; only coded if a second median party exists	
v045x_othersright	Party of the median legislator: first policy dimension; lower chamber	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	All legislators subsumed under 'others' located on the right end of the ideological spectrum	
v045x_othersright_2nd	Party of the median legislator: first policy dimension; lower chamber; 2nd party	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	All legislators subsumed under 'others' located on the right end of the ideological spectrum; only coded if a second median party exists	
v045x_share	Share of instances in which the party of the median legislator in the first policy dimension			

11.03.2019 v1.0 Alejandro Ecker/ Michael Imre	does not change when uniformly distributing each 'other' MP along the ideological continuum (out of 1,000 simulations)		
v046x	Total number of seats: lower chamber		v139y
v046x_formal	Formal total number of seats: lower chamber		Highlighting differences between the formal size of the legislature and the actual number of parliamentary seats taken at date in
v047x	Cabinet strength: lower chamber		
v047x_out	Cabinet strength at date out: lower chamber		
v048x	Cabinet seat share		v050y
v049x	Effective number of parliamentary parties: lower chamber		All legislators subsumed under 'others' treated as one single party (minimum fragmentation) v043y
v049x_maxfrag	Effective number of parliamentary parties: lower chamber; maximum fragmentation		Each legislator subsumed under 'others' treated as an individual party (maximum fragmentation)
v050x	Party of the median legislator: second policy dimension; lower chamber	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	Excluding legislators subsumed under 'others'
v050x_2nd	Party of the median legislator: second policy dimension; lower chamber; 2nd party	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	Excluding legislators subsumed under 'others'; only coded if a second median party exists

Table 1b

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	C2 Variable
v052x	Proximity to election: upper chamber	1 (FE): Cabinets immediately following an election and ended by the next election. 2 (F): Cabinets immediately following an election. 3 (N): Cabinets neither immediately following an election nor ended by the next election. 4 (E): Cabinets ended by an election.		
v053x_party1 - v053x_party22			Please consult the party codebooks for the corresponding Party-IDs	
v053x_partyX	Party seats upper chamber: Party <u>X</u>			
v078x	Total number of seats: upper chamber			
v078x_formal	Formal total number of seats: upper chamber		Highlighting differences between the formal size of the legislature and the actual number of parliamentary seats taken at date in	
v079x	Cabinet strength: upper chamber			
v079x_out	Cabinet strength at date out: upper chamber			
v080x	Effective number of parliamentary parties: upper chamber		All legislators subsumed under 'others' treated as one single party (minimum fragmentation)	
v080x_maxfrag	Effective number of parliamentary parties: upper chamber; maximum fragmentation		Each legislator subsumed under 'others' treated as an individual party (maximum fragmentation)	
v081x	Party of the median legislator: first policy dimension; upper chamber	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	Excluding legislators subsumed under 'others'	

v082x
Party of the median legislator:
second policy dimension; upper chamber

Party-IDs; see party codebooks

Excluding legislators subsumed
under 'others'

Table 2

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	C2 Variable
v083x	Number of parties in parliament		All parties according to the definition of 'party' given above, excluding 'others'.	v042y
v084x	Number of inconclusive bargaining rounds			v168y2
v085x	Parties involved in successful bargaining round	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks		
v085x_dur	Duration of successful bargaining round	measured in days		
v085x_party1 - v085x_party6				
v085x_partyX	Parties involved in successful bargaining round: Party <u>X</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks		
v086x	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks		
v086x_dur	Duration of unsuccessful bargaining round	measured in days		
v086x_party1 - v086x_party9				
v086x_partyX	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round: Party <u>X</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks		
v087x	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks		
v087x_dur	Duration of unsuccessful bargaining round	measured in days		
v087x_party1 - v087x_party8				
v087x_partyX	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round: Party <u>X</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks		
v088x	Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks		
v088x_dur	Duration of unsuccessful bargaining round	measured in days		

v088x_party1 - v088x_party7

v088x_partyX

Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round:
Party X

Party-IDs; see party codebooks

v089x

Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round

Party abbreviations; see party codebooks

v089x_dur

Duration of unsuccessful bargaining round

measured in days

v089x_party1 - v089x_party3

v089x_partyX

Parties involved in unsuccessful bargaining round:
Party X

Party-IDs; see party codebooks

v095x

Number of days required for cabinet formation

measured in days

Time period between 'Date out' of
previous cabinet and 'Date in' of
current cabinet.

v167y

v095x_total_dur

Total bargaining duration

measured in days

Time period between the first day of
the first (potentially inconclusive)
bargaining round and the last day of
the successful bargaining attempt.

v270x

Final vote of investiture: pro government

v271x

Final vote of investiture: against government

v272x

Final vote of investiture: abstentions

Table 4

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	C2 Variable
v097x	Coalition agreement	0: N – No written coalition agreement 1: PRE – Pre-electoral written coalition agreement 2: POST – Post-electoral written coalition agreement 3: IE – Written coalition agreement in the case of coalitions formed during the parliamentary term (not immediately following elections) 4: PRE, POST – Pre- and post-electoral written coalition agreement		v169y2
v098x	Agreement public	0: no 1: yes		
v099x	Election rule	0: no 1: yes		
v100x	Conflict management mechanisms	IC – Inner cabinet: a subset of cabinet ministers which is not issue-specific and which is stable over time CaC – Cabinet committee(s): typically issue-specific; they may include cabinet ministers, junior ministers, and/or civil servants CoC – Coalition committee: typically permanent with relatively stable membership, consisting of party leaders but not limited to cabinet members Parl – Parliamentary leaders: heads of the coalition parties' parliamentary groups PCa – Combination of cabinet members and parliamentarians PS – Party summit: typically ad hoc, consisting of one or several leaders for each coalition party, some but not all attendants may be cabinet members		

		O – Other – please consult the comments to Table 4 of the country chapters in the associated book for a more detailed description.	
v100x_mech1	Conflict management mechanisms: Mechanism 1	1: IC	
v100x_mech2	Conflict management mechanisms: Mechanism 2	2: CaC	
v100x_mech3	Conflict management mechanisms: Mechanism 3	3: CoC	
v100x_mech4	Conflict management mechanisms: Mechanism 4	4: Parl	
v100x_mech5	Conflict management mechanisms: Mechanism 5	5: PCa	
v100x_mech6	Conflict management mechanisms: Mechanism 6	6: PS	
		7: O	
		IC – Inner cabinet: a subset of cabinet ministers which is not issue-specific and which is stable over time	
		CaC – Cabinet committee(s): typically issue-specific; they may include cabinet ministers, junior ministers, and/or civil servants	
		CoC – Coalition committee: typically permanent with relatively stable membership, consisting of party leaders but not limited to cabinet members	
v101x	Conflict management mechanisms used for most common conflicts	Parl – Parliamentary leaders: heads of the coalition parties’ parliamentary groups	v176yt
		PCa – Combination of cabinet members and parliamentarians	
		PS – Party summit: typically ad hoc, consisting of one or several leaders for each coalition party, some but not all attendants may be cabinet members	
		O – Other – please consult the comments to Table 4 of the country chapters in the associated book for a more detailed description.	
v101x_mech1	Conflict management mechanisms used for most common conflicts: Mechanism 1	1: IC	
v101x_mech2	Conflict management mechanisms used for most common conflicts: Mechanism 2	2: CaC	
		3: CoC	

v101x_mech3	Conflict management mechanisms used for most common conflicts: Mechanism 3	4: Parl 5: PCa	
v101x_mech4	Conflict management mechanisms used for most common conflicts: Mechanism 4	6: PS 7: O	
v101x_mech5	Conflict management mechanisms used for most common conflicts: Mechanism 5		
v101x_mech6	Conflict management mechanisms used for most common conflicts: Mechanism 6		
		IC – Inner cabinet: a subset of cabinet ministers which is not issue-specific and which is stable over time	
		CaC – Cabinet committee(s): typically issue-specific; they may include cabinet ministers, junior ministers, and/or civil servants	
		CoC – Coalition committee: typically permanent with relatively stable membership, consisting of party leaders but not limited to cabinet members	
v102x	Conflict management mechanisms used for most serious conflicts	Parl – Parliamentary leaders: heads of the coalition parties’ parliamentary groups	v178yt
		PCa – Combination of cabinet members and parliamentarians	
		PS – Party summit: typically ad hoc, consisting of one or several leaders for each coalition party, some but not all attendants may be cabinet members	
		O – Other – please consult the comments to Table 4 of the country chapters in the associated book for a more detailed description.	
v102x_mech1	Conflict management mechanisms used for most serious conflicts: Mechanism 1	1: IC 2: CaC	
v102x_mech2	Conflict management mechanisms used for most serious conflicts: Mechanism 2	3: CoC 4: Parl	
v102x_mech3	Conflict management mechanisms used for most serious conflicts: Mechanism 3	5: PCa 6: PS	
v102x_mech4	Conflict management mechanisms used for most serious conflicts: Mechanism 4	7: O	

v102x_mech5

Conflict management mechanisms used for most serious conflicts: Mechanism 5

v102x_mech6

Conflict management mechanisms used for most serious conflicts: Mechanism 6

		1: yes always	
		2: yes, except explicitly exempted	
v103x	Coalition discipline in legislation	3: no, except explicit policies	v171y
		4: no	
		1: yes always	
		2: yes, except explicitly exempted	
v104x	Coalition discipline in other parliamentary behaviour	3: no, except explicit policies	v171yt
		4: no	
		0: no, i.e. ministerial posts are subject to coalition approval/veto	
v105x	Freedom of appointment	1: yes	
		0: no explicit agreement	
		1: on few selected policies	
v106x	Agreement on policies (coalition agreement)	2: on a variety of issues, but not comprehensive	v170y3
		3: comprehensive policy platform	
		0: no	
v107x	Agreement on junior ministers	1: yes	
		0: no, i.e. left to the discretion of parliament or individual ministers	
v108x	Agreement on non-cabinet positions	1: yes	

Table 5

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	C2 Variable
v109x	Size of agreement	approximate number of words		v169y9
v109x_doc2	Size of agreement; additional agreement number 1	approximate number of words		
v109x_doc3	Size of agreement; additional agreement number 2	approximate number of words		
v109x_doc4	Size of agreement; additional agreement number 3	approximate number of words		
v110x	General rules	in %		v169y10
v110x_doc2	General rules: additional agreement number 1	in %		
v110x_doc3	General rules: additional agreement number 2	in %		
v110x_doc4	General rules: additional agreement number 3	in %		
v111x	Policy specific procedural rules	in %		v169y11
v111x_doc2	Policy specific procedural rules: additional agreement number 1	in %		
v111x_doc3	Policy specific procedural rules: additional agreement number 2	in %		
v111x_doc4	Policy specific procedural rules: additional agreement number 3	in %		
v112x	Distribution of offices:	in %		v169y12
v112x_doc2	Distribution of offices: additional agreement number 1	in %		
v112x_doc3	Distribution of offices: additional agreement number 2	in %		

v112x_doc4	Distribution of offices: additional agreement number 3	in %	
v113x	Distribution of competences	in %	v169y13
v113x_doc2	Distribution of competences: additional agreement number 1	in %	
v113x_doc3	Distribution of competences: additional agreement number 2	in %	
v113x_doc4	Distribution of competences: additional agreement number 3	in %	
v114x	Policies	in %	v169y14
v114x_doc2	Policies: additional agreement number 1	in %	
v114x_doc3	Policies: additional agreement number 2	in %	
v114x_doc4	Policies: additional agreement number 3	in %	

Table 6

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	C2 Variable
		1: there are no junior ministers according to the definition given below		
		2: all junior ministers are from the same party holding the portfolio		
v115x_jun_min	Information on junior ministers	3: there are watchdog junior ministers at least for some portfolios and we have information for all of them		
		4: there are watchdog junior ministers at least for some portfolios and we have information for some of them		
		5: there are watchdog junior ministers at least for some portfolios but we have no information on any of them		
v115x_deputy_party1	Deputy PM party 1	Party-IDs; see party codebooks		
v115x_deputy_party2	Deputy PM party 2	Party-IDs; see party codebooks		
v115x_deputy_party3	Deputy PM party 3	Party-IDs; see party codebooks		
v115x_deputy_party4	Deputy PM party 4	Party-IDs; see party codebooks		
v115x_deputy_portfolio1	Portfolio Deputy PM party 1			
v115x_deputy_portfolio2	Portfolio Deputy PM party 2			
v115x_deputy_portfolio3	Portfolio Deputy PM party 3			
v115x_deputy_portfolio4	Portfolio Deputy PM party 4			
v115x_portfolio1_party1 - v115x_portfolio47_party1				
v115x_portfolioY_partyX	Party <u>X</u> holding portfolio <u>Y</u>	Party-IDs; see party codebooks	Please consult the country chapters or Appendix A of this Codebook for the corresponding portfolios	
v116x_portfolio2_party1 - v116x_portfolio35_party1				

v116x_portfolioY_partyX

Party X junior minister portfolio Y

Party-IDs; see party codebooks

v216x

Number of ministries

v059y

v217x

Number of cabinet members

v060y

Table 7

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	C2 Variable
v218x	Regular parliamentary election	0: no 1: yes		v217y2
v219x	Other constitutional reason	0: no 1: yes		v217y31
v220x	Death of PM	0: no 1: yes		v217y32
v221x	Early parliamentary election	0: no 1: yes		
v222x	Voluntary enlargement of coalition	0: no 1: yes		
v223x	Cabinet defeat in parliament	0: no 1: yes		v217y23
v224x	Conflict between coalition parties (policy)	0: no 1: yes		v217y24
v225x	Conflict between coalition parties (personnel)	0: no 1: yes		v217y25
v226x	Conflict between coalition parties: Parties involved	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks		

v227x	Intra party conflict	0: no 1: yes	v217y27
v228x	Intra party conflict: Party involved	Party abbreviations; see party codebooks L – Conflict in national party leadership (national executive committee, cabinet, parliamentary party leadership) (NB: This is conflict contained in the leadership.) NL – Conflict between united national party leadership (national executive committee, cabinet, parliamentary party leadership) and non-leaders (party activists, party congress delegates, backbench MPs, regional leaders, etc.)	
v229x	Intra party conflict: Type of conflict	LNL – Conflict in national party leadership (national executive committee, cabinet, parliamentary party leadership) including grass-roots mobilization (i.e. conflict is not confined to the top level)	
v230x	Non-parliamentary elections	0: no 1: yes	
v231x	Popular opinion shock	0: no 1: yes	v213y
v232x	International or national security event	0: no 1: yes	v214y
v233x	Economic event	0: no 1: yes	v215y
v234x	Personal event	0: no 1: yes	v216y

v236x Ministry involved

v237x Description of dominant policy area

Table 8

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	C2 Variable
v241x	In office at election	0: no 1: yes		
v242x	Year of next (following) parliamentary election			
v244x_party1 - v244x_party33			in percentage points	
v244x_party <u>X</u>	Gain/loss parliamentary party <u>X</u>			
v268x	Gain/loss cabinet		in percentage points	

Table 9 and Table 9b

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	C2 Variable
v300x	Bicameralism	0: no 1: yes		v124y2
v301x	Positive parliamentarism	0: no 1: yes		v126y
v302x	Constructive vote of no-confidence	0: no 1: yes		v129y
v303x	PM powers			
v303x_power1	Formal cabinet decision rule	0: no 1: yes 1: unanimity 2: majority		
v303x_power1_rule	Type of actual decision rule	3: consensus defined by PM (by way of summarizing cabinet debate) 4: consensus defined by head of state (by way of summarizing cabinet debate)		
v303x_power2	PM right to appoint ministers	0: no 1: yes 1: yes, PM alone		
v303x_power2_rule	Type of actual appointment right	2: yes, through formal act carried out by head of state 3: no, head of state has discretionary powers 4: other		

v303x_power3	PM right to dismiss ministers	0: no 1: yes 1: yes, PM alone 2: yes, through formal act carried out by head of state 3: no, head of state has discretionary powers 4: other
v303x_power3_rule	Type of actual dismissal right	0: direct 1: via PM only
v303x_power4	Ministers' parliamentary accountability	0: no 1: yes
v303x_power5	PM formal right to determine jurisdiction of ministries	0: no 1: yes
v303x_power6	PM steering or coordination rights vis-à-vis cabinet ministers	0: no 1: yes
v303x_power7	PM full control over agenda for cabinet meeting	0: no 1: yes
v303x_power8	Regular bureaucratic structure in PM's office designed to monitor departmental affairs	0: no 1: yes 1: personal staff (political appointees) 2: civil service staff
v303x_power8_rule1	Description of structure 1	3: PM occupies specific (PM) portfolio 4: other 1: personal staff (political appointees)
v303x_power8_rule2	Description of structure 2	2: civil service staff 3: PM occupies specific (PM) portfolio

v303x_power8_rule3	Description of structure 3	4: other 1: personal staff (political appointees) 2: civil service staff 3: PM occupies specific (PM) portfolio 4: other	v137y
v304x	Semi-presidentialism	0: no 1: yes	
v305x	Comments		

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	C2 Variable
vXXXx_v1	Support parties			
vXXXx_v1_party1	Support parties: Party 1	See party codebooks		
vXXXx_v1_party2	Support parties: Party 2	See party codebooks		
vXXXx_v1_party3	Support parties: Party 3	See party codebooks		
vXXXx_v1_party4	Support parties: Party 4	See party codebooks		
vXXXx_v2	Personal union	0: no 1: yes		
vXXXx_v2_party1	Exception to personal union: Party 1	See party codebooks		
vXXXx_v2_party2	Exception to personal union: Party 2	See party codebooks		
vXXXx_v2_party3	Exception to personal union: Party 3	See party codebooks		
vXXXx_v2_party4	Exception to personal union: Party 4	See party codebooks		
vXXXx_v2_party5	Exception to personal union: Party 5	See party codebooks		
vXXXx_v2_party6	Exception to personal union: Party 6	See party codebooks		
vXXXx_v3	Issues excluded from agenda	0: no 1: yes		
vXXXx_v4	Ceremonial text	in %		
vXXXx_v4_doc2	Ceremonial text (Document 2)	in %		
vXXXx_v4_doc3	Ceremonial text (Document 3)	in %		
vXXXx_v4_doc4	Ceremonial text (Document 4)	in %		
vXXXx_v5	Other voluntary reason	0: no		

		1: yes	
vXXXXx_v6	Election date	DDmonYYYY (e.g. 13jul2014)	<p>Date of most recent parliamentary election:</p> <p>(a) two-round elections: date of second round</p> <p>(b) elections held over several days: date of last day</p>
vXXXXx_v047y	Minority situation in parliament	<p>0: no</p> <p>1: yes</p>	<p>No single party holds 50% plus one seat or more of parliamentary seats</p>
		1: Min	<p>Minority coalition cabinet: Holds less than 50 % plus one seat in parliament. Single-party minority cabinets are likewise coded as 'Min'</p>
vXXXXx_v058y2	Government type	2: Mwc	<p>Minimal winning coalition: Is turned into a losing coalition by the subtraction of any of the coalition parties, i.e., if it loses a coalition party it holds less than 50 % plus one seat. Single-party majority cabinets are likewise coded as 'Mwc'</p>
		3: Sur	<p>Surplus majority coalition: Can lose a coalition party and still be winning, i.e. control 50 % plus one seat or more in the parliament</p>
		4: Non	<p>A non-partisan cabinet, e.g. appointed by a president to hold an election</p>

Additional Variables not used in the book

Variable	Label	Value Label/Format	Additional Information	C2 Variable
v243x_party1 - v243x_party6				
v243x_party <u>X</u>	Gain/loss cabinet party <u>X</u>	in percentage points		

Appendix A: portfolio codes (v115x_portfolio1 - v115x_portfolio47)

Code Portfolio Name

Bulgaria

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance Minister (in Charge of State Budget)
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Ministry in Charge of Interior
- 5 Ministry of Defence
- 6 Ministry of Justice
- 7 Ministry of Economy
- 8 Ministry of Agriculture
- 9 Ministry of Construction, Architecture and Public Utilities
- 10 Ministry of Transport
- 11 Ministry of Employment and Social Services
- 12 Ministry of Environment
- 13 Ministry of Healthcare
- 14 Ministry of Culture
- 15 Ministry of Higher Education and Science
- 16 Ministry of Trade and Tourism
- 17 Ministry of Energy and Energy Resources
- 18 Ministry of Youth and Sport
- 19 Ministry of Foreign Trade
- 20 Ministry of Public Education
- 21 Ministry of State Policy for Disasters and Accidents
- 22 Ministry of State Administration
- 23 Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Culture
- 24 No portfolio, charged with State Administration
- 25 No portfolio, charged with European Integration
- 26 No portfolio
- 27 Ministry of Investment Planning

Czech Republic

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Minister of Finance
- 3 Minister of Foreign Affairs
- 4 Minister of Interior
- 5 Minister of Justice
- 6 Minister of Defence
- 7 Minister for Economic Competition
- 8 Minister for Environmental Protection
- 9 Minister for Industry and Trade
- 10 Minister of Economy

- 11 Minister of Culture
- 12 Minister of Health
- 13 Minister of Education, Youth and Sports
- 14 Minister of National Property and Privatization
- 15 Minister of Labour and Social Affairs
- 16 Minister of Transportation
- 17 Minister for Agriculture
- 18 Minister for Regional Development
- 19 No portfolio
- 20 Minister of Informatics
- 21 No portfolio (Head of Legislative Council)
- 22 No portfolio (European Affairs)
- 23 No portfolio
- 24 No portfolio
- 25 No portfolio

Estonia

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance (in Charge of State Budget)
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Ministry in Charge of National Police Force (Interior)
- 5 Defence
- 6 Social Affairs
- 7 Education and Research (Culture and Education before 1996)
- 8 Justice
- 9 Environment
- 10 Culture (since 01.01.1996)
- 11 Economics (and Communication since 2002)
- 12 Agriculture
- 13 Communication and Infrastructure
- 14 Without portfolio (Reform or Regional Affairs)
- 15 Without portfolio (Population Affairs)
- 16 Without portfolio
- 17 Without portfolio (Energy)
- 18 Without portfolio (European affairs)
- 19 Social Welfare (since April 2014)
- 20 Health & Labour (since April 2014)
- 21 Economics and Infrastructure (since April 2014)
- 22 Foreign Trade and Entrepreneurship (since April 2014)

Hungary

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance Minister (in Charge of State Budget)

- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Ministry in Charge of National Police Force
- 5 Ministry of Justice and Law Enforcement
- 6 Prime Minister's Office
- 7 Ministry of Public Administration and Justice
- 8 Ministry of Defence
- 9 Ministry of Justice
- 10 Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development
- 11 Ministry of Agriculture
- 12 Ministry of Economic Affairs
- 13 Ministry of International Economic Relations
- 14 Ministry of Environmental Protection Affairs
- 15 Ministry of Transport, Communication and Water Management Affairs
- 16 Ministry of National Development
- 17 Ministry of Labour Affairs
- 18 Ministry of Culture and Education Affairs
- 19 Ministry of Education Affairs
- 20 Ministry of Social, Health and Youth Affairs
- 21 Ministry of Health Affairs
- 22 Ministry of Child, Youth and Sports Affairs
- 23 Ministry of Human Resources
- 24 No portfolio (Secret Service)
- 25 No portfolio (Restitution and Compensation Affairs)
- 26 No portfolio (Science, Human Policy)
- 27 No portfolio (Restitution Affairs of Landed Property)
- 28 No portfolio (Relation between Parliament and Cabinet)
- 29 No portfolio (Central technical development)
- 30 No portfolio (Development of institutional system of finance and capital market)
- 31 No portfolio (EU Affairs)
- 32 No portfolio (Regional Development)
- 33 No portfolio (Equality Affairs)
- 34 No portfolio (Reform of State)
- 35 No portfolio
- 36 No portfolio
- 37 No portfolio
- 38 No portfolio

Latvia

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance (in Charge of State Budget)
- 3 Foreign
- 4 Interior (in Charge of National Police Force)
- 5 Economics

- 6 Defence
- 7 Justice
- 8 Agriculture
- 9 Education and Science
- 10 Culture
- 11 Welfare and Health Care
- 12 Transportation
- 13 Environmental Protection and Regional Development
- 14 Regional Development and Local Municipalities
- 15 Environment
- 16 Children/ Family Affairs and Integration
- 17 State Reform and Special Affairs
- 18 Ministry at Large for International and EU matters
- 19 Ministry at Large for Municipalities, Public Administration and Regional Development
- 20 Ministry at Large for Society Integration, Children and Family Affairs
- 21 Ministry at Large for Electronic Government Affairs

Lithuania

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance Minister (in Charge of State Budget)
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Ministry of the Interior
- 5 Justice
- 6 Social Security and Labour
- 7 Health Care
- 8 Culture
- 9 Agriculture
- 10 Defence
- 11 Economy
- 12 Education and Science
- 13 Communications and Information
- 14 Transport
- 15 Transport and Communication
- 16 Construction and Urban Development
- 17 Environment
- 18 Energy
- 19 Municipal Affairs
- 20 European Affairs
- 21 No portfolio
- 22 No portfolio
- 23 No portfolio
- 24 No portfolio
- 25 No portfolio

26 No portfolio

27 No portfolio

Poland

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance Minister (in charge of state budget)
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Ministry in Charge of National Police Force (Internal Affairs Minister),
- 5 National Defence Minister
- 6 Culture and National Heritage Minister
- 7 Environment Minister
- 8 Labour and Social Policy Minister
- 9 Health Minister
- 10 Agriculture and Rural Development Minister
- 11 National Education Minister
- 12 Justice Minister
- 13 Communications Minister
- 14 Privatization Minister
- 15 Foreign Economic Cooperation Minister
- 16 Industry and Trade Minister
- 17 Physical Planning and Construction Minister
- 18 Transport and Maritime Economy Minister,
- 19 Science Minister
- 20 Treasury Minister
- 21 Economy Minister
- 22 Regional Development Minister
- 23 Sport and Tourism Minister
- 24 Infrastructure Minister
- 25 Transport Minister
- 26 Construction Minister
- 27 Maritime Economy Minister
- 28 Transport, Construction and Maritime Economy Minister
- 29 Administration and Digitization Minister
- 30 PM Office
- 31 No portfolio
- 32 No portfolio
- 33 No portfolio
- 34 No portfolio
- 35 No portfolio
- 36 No portfolio

Romania

- 1 Prime Minister

- 2 Finance
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Interior (and Public Administration)
- 5 Justice
- 6 Defence
- 7 Industry/Economy
- 8 Trade and SMEs
- 9 Tourism
- 10 Transportation
- 11 Development, Public Works and Housing
- 12 Communications
- 13 Environment
- 14 Agriculture
- 15 Labour and Social Protection
- 16 Health
- 17 Education
- 18 Youth and Sport
- 19 Research and Technology
- 20 Culture
- 21 Reform
- 22 European Affairs
- 23 Coordination of the General Secretariat of the Government
- 24 Relationship with Parliament
- 25 Privatization
- 26 Public information
- 27 Public Function
- 28 Public Administration
- 29 (Minister of State overseeing) Culture, Schooling and European Integration
- 30 (Minister of State overseeing) Economic Activities
- 31 (Minister of State overseeing) SMEs and the Business Environment
- 32 Budget, Treasury and Financial Control (part of Minister of Economy and Finance)
- 33 (Minister delegate for) Budget
- 34 (Minister delegate for) National Minorities
- 35 (Minister delegate) at the Ministry of European Integration, Chief Negotiator with the EU
- 36 (Minister delegate for) the Coordination of Control Agencies
(Minister delegate for) the Implementation of Programs with International Funds and Monitoring of the Acquis
- 37 Communautaire
- 38 (Minister delegate for) Relationship with Social Partners
- 39 (Minister delegate for) Business Environment
- 40 (Minister delegate for) Waters, Forests and Fisheries
- 41 (Minister delegate for) Energy
- 42 (Minister delegate for) Romanians Living Abroad
- 43 (Minister delegate for) Infrastructure Projects of National Interest
- 44 (Deputy minister) at the Ministry of Finance

- 45 (Deputy minister) at the Ministry of Defence
- 46 (Deputy minister) at the Ministry of Industry and Trade
- 47 (Deputy minister) at the Ministry of Education

Slovakia

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance Minister (in Charge of State Budget)
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Ministry in Charge of National Police Force (Ministry of Interior)
- 5 Ministry of Economy
- 6 Social Affairs
- 7 Environment
- 8 Transport, Construction
- 9 Agriculture
- 10 Regional Development
- 11 Education
- 12 Culture
- 13 Health
- 14 Justice
- 15 Defence
- 16 Privatisation
- 17 Construction
- 18 Ministry of Control

Slovenia

- 1 Prime Minister
- 2 Finance Minister (in Charge of State Budget)
- 3 Foreign Affairs
- 4 Ministry of Interior Affairs
- 5 Ministry of Justice
- 6 Ministry of Defence
- 7 Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs
- 8 Ministry of Economy
- 9 Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food
- 10 Ministry of Culture
- 11 Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
- 12 Ministry of Transport
- 13 Ministry of Education
- 14 Ministry of Health
- 15 Ministry of Public Administration
- 16 Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology
- 17 Ministry of Education, Science and Sport
- 18 Ministry of Information Society

- 19 Ministry of Economic Affairs
- 20 Ministry of Small Business and Tourism
- 21 Ministry of Science and Technology
- 22 Ministry of Justice and Public Administration
- 23 Ministry of Planning
- 24 Ministry of Power Supply
- 25 Minister of Industry and Construction
- 26 Ministry of Trade
- 27 Ministry of Tourism and Catering Industry
- 28 Ministry of Small Scale Business
- 29 Ministry of Labour
- 30 Ministry of Health, Family and Social Affairs
- 31 Ministry of War Veterans and Disabled
- 32 Ministry of Legislation
- 33 Ministry of Slovenes Abroad and Nationalities in Slovenia
- 34 Ministry of Information
- 35 No portfolio (Government Office Responsible for Growth and European Affairs)
- 36 No portfolio (Office Responsible for Legislation)
- 37 No portfolio (Office for Coordination of Bodies of Social Welfare)
- 38 No portfolio (Government Office Responsible for Local Self - Government and Regional Policy)
- 39 No portfolio (Government Office Responsible for Slovenians Abroad)
- 40 Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport
- 41 Ministry of Agriculture and Environment
- 42 Ministry of Infrastructure and Spatial Planning